pro-active action against the terrorists, within the State. The counter terrorism/infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

Decline in terrorist activities in J&K

†202. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of terrorism have declined in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years;

(b) whether the number of tourists have increased in Kashmir, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is safe for tourists to visit Kashmir, the measures taken by Government for the sefety of tourists, whether safety measures taken by Government have proved effective, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The details are shown below:—

Year	Total No. of terrorist incidents
2004	2565
2005	1990
2005 (Upto July 15)	1085
2006 (Up to July 15)	910

(b) As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir there has been a significant increase in tourists inflow during last two years while there has been a slight decrease during the current year due to some terrorist attacks targeting the tourists. The details are shown below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Total No. of tourists visited
2004	394962
2005	600825
2005 (Upto July 15)	348322
2006 (Upto July 15)	339232

(c) The State Government and Security Forces, in an endeavour to make the security environment progressively safer for tourists, have taken the following steps:

(i) A separate tourist police and enforcement wing at Srinagar/Jammu and other tourist places exists, which looks after and protects the interests of the tourists in the State. The tourist police are empowered to take cognizance in cases of cheating and harassment.

(ii) Adequate deployment of Security Forces/State Police is being ensured around the tourist spots and also roads leading to such places.

(iii) Regular patrolling and anti-sabotage checks are being undertaken in and around tourist places and roads leading there.

(iv) A separate security arrangement operational on a permanent basis exists at the Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi at Katra and its proximity.

(v) Special security arrangements have been made for the pilgrims visiting Shri Amarnath Ji cave, Pahalgam and Kheer Bhawani. Security Forces are ensuring a multi-tiered security system for the pilgrims.

Union Government provides necessary support to the State Government on request and continuously monitors the security situation.